

EduCampus: Creative Writing Workshop – Dia di Betico

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Group 2 - High School

Contextual Note

This poem was created collectively by high school students during a 30-minute poetry lesson marking 40 years of Status Aparte and briefly talking about Betico Croes. Students were invited to choose eight words that inspired their thinking about Betico Croes, the era of resistance, and legacy: resistance, libertador, visionary, identity, autonomia, Arubiano, responsibility, and future.

From these, three keywords were selected, and students contributed associated words, thoughts, and short phrases. Through guided discussion and collective writing, this input was gathered and later lightly edited and streamlined by the instructor to produce a poem that reflects the students' voices, questions, and perspectives on autonomy, identity, and responsibility today.

Chosen words Group 2: Identity, Future, Arubiano

Associated words: positive, motiva, capacita, alma, determina, idioma, 'raiz', orguyoso, cultura, balente, felicidad, curious, tecnologia, innovacion, generacion, estabilidad, firme

The Era & The Voice

When speaking of identity: where do you look within?

Kico ta e alma, e 'raiz' cu ta haci nos Arubiano?

Idioma, cultura – what we carry inside,
the quiet beginnings of who we become.

Nos ta motiva pa e prospecto di felicidad,
but also craving stability.
Orguyo ta pusha nos dilanti,
a positive outlook amidst the uncertainty of it all.

Legacy & the Future

Hende balente y inteligente,

Su legado: determina pa logra.

A generation beaming with curiosity,
knowing that its language is firm.

Curiosity shaped by innovation,
capability fueled by growth.
Tecnologia avansando, e Arubiano prosperando,
moving forward, grounded in who we are.